

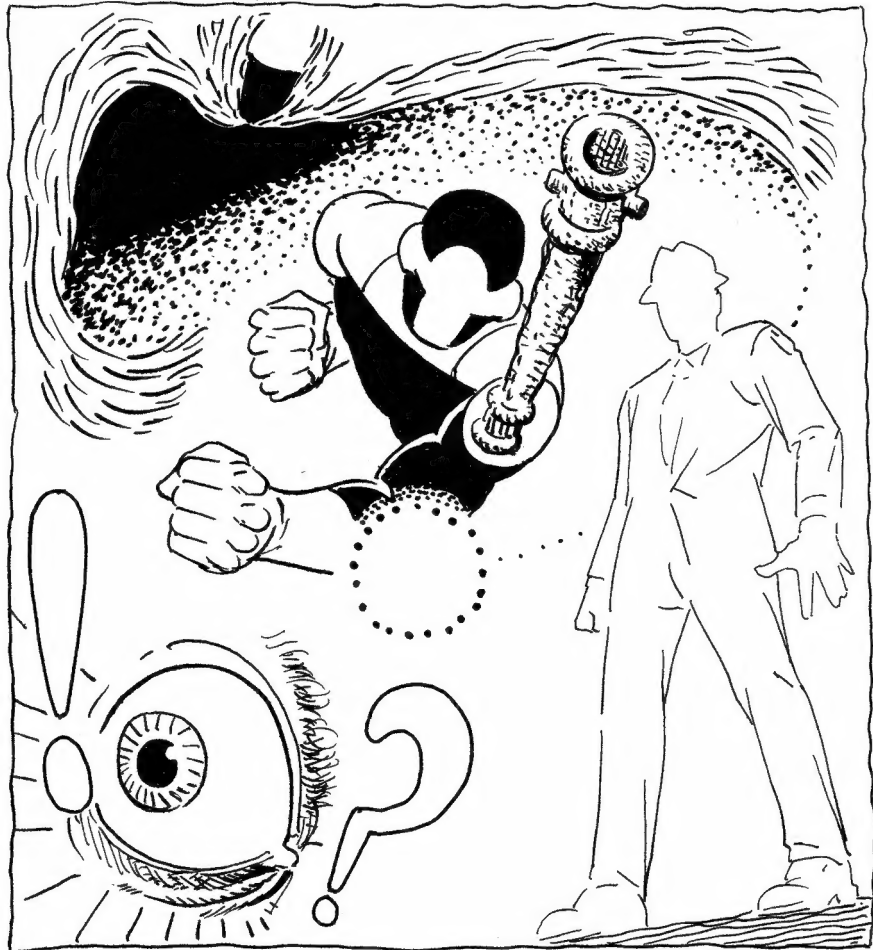
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Four Dollars



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## PREVIOUSLY

Introduction

## UNDER THE GUN



## THIS MONTH

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## COMING ATTRACTION



In early 1934 The New York Daily News revitalized the issue in general by running a thoughtful advertisement which pointed up the value of comic strips to a newspaper. The flurry of reappraisal induced the Eastern Color Printing Company, which had printed most of the early efforts, to publish the first comics magazine specifically for newsstand sales. It was called *Famous Funnies*. It sold for ten cents. It contained reprints of *Mutt and Jeff*, *Toonerville Folks*, *Hairbreadth Harry*, *Tailspin Tommy*, *The Nebbs* and other strips, plus a generous sprinkling of puzzles, magic tricks, and "oddity panels" patterned on *Ripley's Believe It or Not*. The first issue lost money; the second was profitable.

**Stephen Becker,**  
*Comic Art in America*

*Where have all of the anthologies gone? Long time passing.*

*What are the strengths and weaknesses of an anthology title?*

*Once upon a time the comics (Feature Funnies, Funny Picture Stories, King Comics, More Fun Comics and others) were new, fresh and exciting, each one loaded with more characters (The Clock, Joe Palooka, The Owl, Sandra of the Secret Service and more) and features (Fun Club, Just Jokes, Strange As It Seems, text story, etc.) than you can shake a stick at.*

*But.*

*One by one, year by year, the anthology titles have suspended and been replaced by single-character books.*

*One by one Adventure Comics, Laugh Comics, Looney Tunes and Merry Melody Comics, Pep Comics, Tip Top Comics and all the others have given up the ghost.*

*Are there any remaining?*

*Yes.*

*You may have noticed Snyder and Ditko continue to publish anthology titles.*

*Here is a copy of our latest, #24. Number 24 in a series. Do you have them all?*

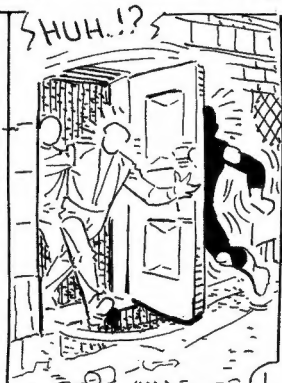
*This one comes to you through another successful Kickstarter campaign, our 9th.*

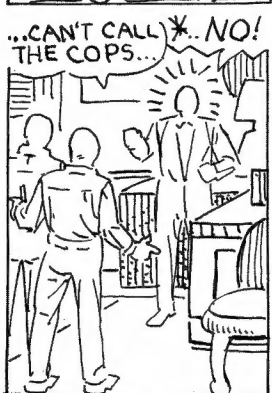
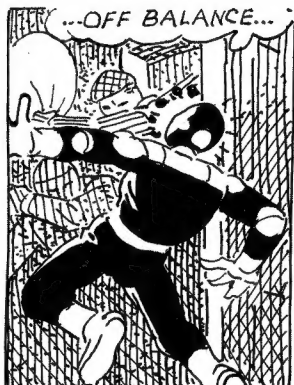
*We would like to thank each of you who has made his Pledge to support our work.*

Happy New Year,  
**Robin Snyder**

SOMEONE IS HITTING BIG SHOT'S PLACES... ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES...  
 ...AH...SO NOT REPORTED TO POLICE.  
 ...THINGS GOING TO \*BOIL OVER...  
 ...WHO IS SAFE, WHERE? Q'S TIED UP... HIS BOOKKEEP-ER.  
 ...WHO? HOW? SOMEONE HA! HA!

THE  
 !?  
 EMIC, A  
 SMALL  
 PROSPER-  
 OUS  
 CITY IN  
 THE 1930S...





HITS NOT... ILLEGAL  
REPORT- PROFITS.  
ED...



..ACTION IN  
SMALL  
AREA...



...SPECIFIC  
BOSSSES  
TARGETED



... SOME  
DOUBLE-  
CROSS...

..GETTING  
RISKY.....

DON'T GET  
GREEDY...



OKAY...  
FOR  
NOW.

A BIG JOB  
FOR THE END.



..HE'S \*  
VULNER-  
ABLE

WE NEED A  
PLAN...



I'LL  
SHOW  
THEM...

WE LEAVE  
WITH EVERY-  
THING.

HE CAN'T  
GO TO THE  
COPS

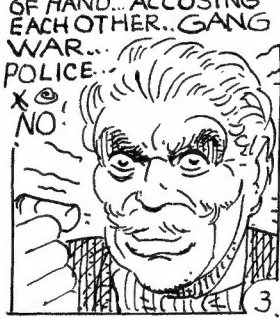


NO JUDGE,  
NO KIND OF  
WHISPER!

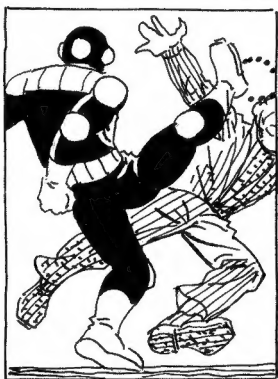
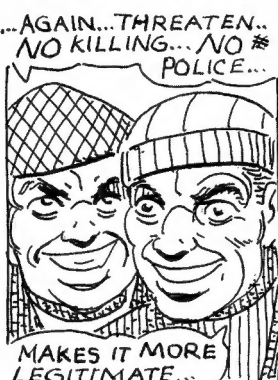
YES!... A  
CLEVER  
SCHEME...



...TOO \*CLEVER!  
HAS TO BE STOPPED  
BEFORE IT GETS OUT  
OF HAND... ACCUSING  
EACH OTHER... GANG  
WAR...



POLICE...  
X @  
NO!





...DON'T KNOW WHO... \* SEEMS TO KNOW TOO MUCH \*

OKAY... SETTLE FOR ONE BIG SCORE... SPLIT... MAKES SENSE.

I'LL FIGURE OUT JUST WHO... BIGGEST SCORE...



..SOMEONE IS BEING TOO CUTE. \* CAN'T TRUST ANYONE..

NO, JUDGE, NOTHING SOLID, SUSPICIOUS BOSSSES, ANGRY...

SOMEONE IS PLAYING IT CUTE...





OKAY, THIS WILL BE THE  
XO BIGGEST SCORE...  
THEN SPLIT... END IT...



...NO SPLITTING...



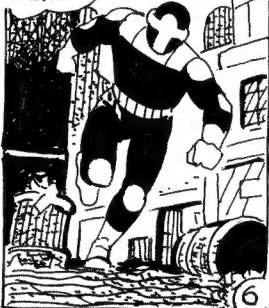
...CHECK THE REAL  
POSSIBILITIES...



HEY, SOMEONE HORN-  
ING IN... OUR #  
TERRITORY



...THIS SECTION TOO  
ACTIVE... RISKY... SO  
NEXT...

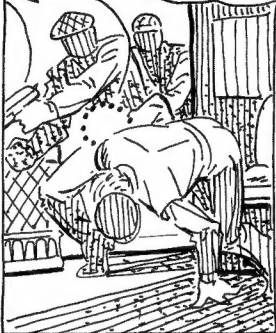




'WE READY FOR THIS? LET'S DO IT...



...YAH...A GUARD...INFO GOOD...



OKAY NO TROUBLE... NO ONE GETS HURT...



YAH. THEM.



THIS PLUS WHAT HE'S HOLDING...ANYTHING ELSE...



HEADING ONLY ONE PLACE...



...BEST WAY...



...JUDGE...GOT A TIP... CLAIM AN EYE - WITNESS...



...THIS COULD BE IT...



'WE'RE TAKING  
EVERYTHING  
NO \$ SPLIT... \* @ YOU..



WE COULD LEAVE  
YOU DEAD...



... EASY DOES IT...



...WHOLE STORY...X@  
..GET  
EVEN...  
PAY  
BACK...  
\*



THAT WAS A GOOD  
TIP... GEGS LOST  
SOME SCHEMES TO  
BETTER BOSSES...



...OUT OF TOWNERS...  
BROKE FREE...JUMP-  
ED INTO THE RIVER...



...THE TWO BRUTES...

DANGEROUS  
CURRENTS...

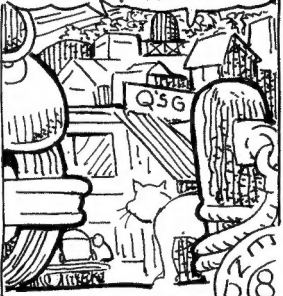
I...WE OWE  
YOU,Q,THINGS  
COULD HAVE  
GOTTEN  
OUT OF  
HAND...  
HURT-  
ING  
EVERY-  
ONE.



...GLAD YOU WENT  
STRAIGHT, Q, AN  
HONEST  
ROGUE...  
...SAFER.  
LESS RISKS.

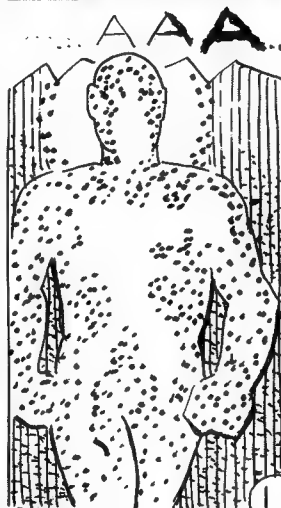
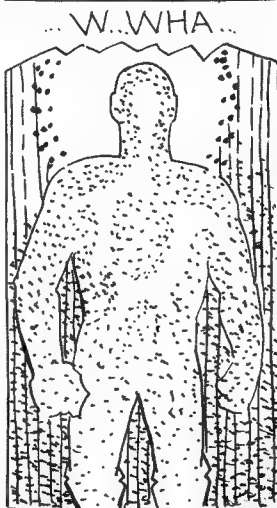


...JUDGE THAT'S HIS  
DID IT JOB... GETS  
AGAIN. PAID WELL.



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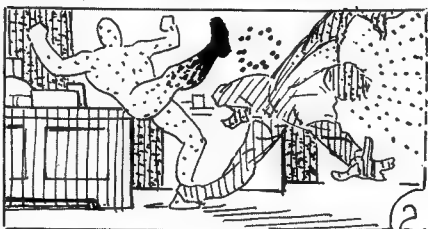
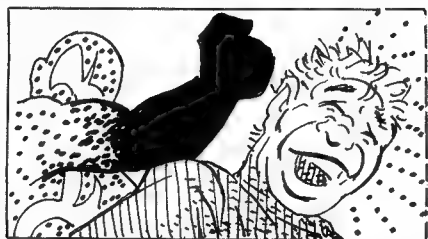
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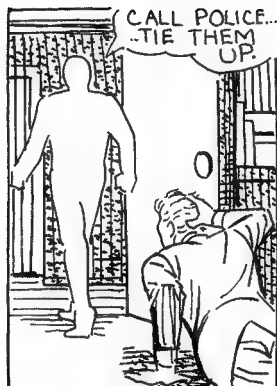


'AAA GGAH WHA WHO'



'STAY BACK'





xex:  
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN... (3.

X@ SPOILED...  
IT BETTER BE  
LAST TIME...



...GETTING TOO \*BOSSY...  
SCARED OF VIOLENCE...

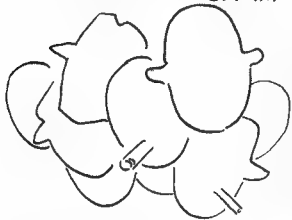


#@...WE HAVE TO MOVE  
ON SOONER THAN  
PLANNED... LOSING...



...LATER...

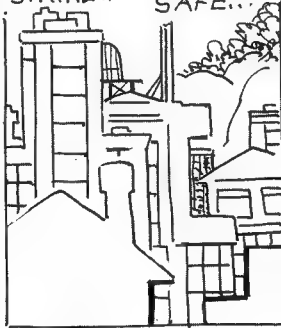
...LETHAL LADY AND  
DAGGER DAN IN THE  
CITY...



WHAT CAN THE \*POLICE  
DO TO STOP THEM?



WHERE WILL THEY  
STRIKE.. NO ONE IS  
SAFE...



X@ THEY'LL  
CAUSE REAL TROUBLE  
FOR ALL OF US...

X@ THEY HOW CAN  
MESS WE STOP  
IN OUR THEM? X@  
TERRITORY...



...RUMORS. NO ONE'S  
NO LEADS. TALKING  
OR KNOWS.



...STUMPED. SOME-  
COMMIS- THING  
SIONER. HAS TO BE  
DONE...



...SOMEHOW... SOME-  
ONE HAS TO...



THIS TOWN IS OURS FOR!... JUST ONE JOB...  
THE \*-TAKING... AND WE MOVE ON...



WHY?  
LOTS OF  
GOOD  
PICK-  
INGS...

...LESS RISKS.  
ONE BIG  
PAYOFF...



...AND DON'T  
GET STUPID...



YOU PUT  
TOO MUCH  
HEAT  
ON US.

BAH!  
/ X O  
SCARE  
EVERYONE!



YOU'RE  
STUPID!  
YOU MADE  
THEM MAD!

SO  
WHAT?



...SO MORE DAN-  
GEROUS FOR US!





WHAT DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
THEM?

NO!  
HONEST...

...WHO  
WOULD?

...ONE...ONE GUY...

N...  
NOTHING.



(ACE  
PAWN)

...YOU HAVE SOMETHING  
FOR ME?

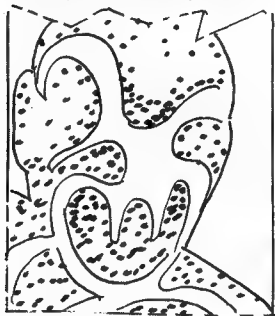
...YOU HAVE SOME-  
THING FOR  
ME!



...LETHAL LADY  
AND DAGGER DAN...

...G...GAVE THEM  
INFO...WILL FENCE  
FOR THEM...

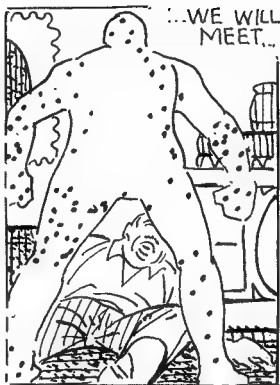
...O...O...ONLY ONE...  
SPECIAL JOB...



...I'LL TELL... I'LL TELL...



...WE WILL  
MEET...



...IT'S TIME  
FOR THEM...



...TO PAY...



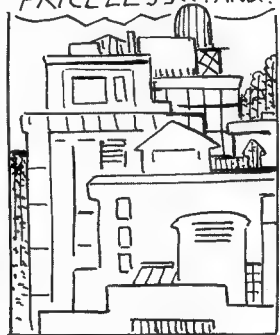
...REMEMBER...  
NO KILLING...



...SURE...

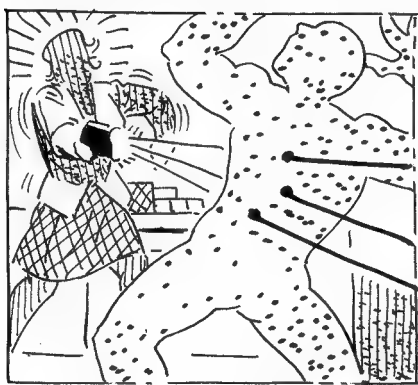
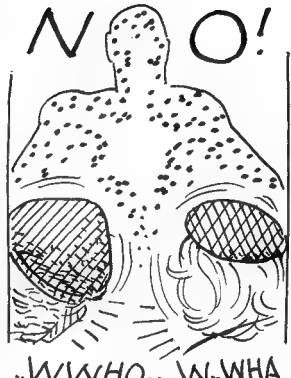


...YES... THEY'RE  
PRICELESS... AND...



...AND ALL MINE!





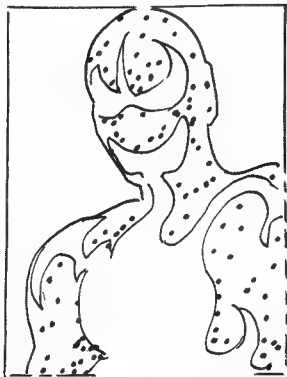
NO SPLITTING...  
ALL MINE... AAGH



NO... ALL...



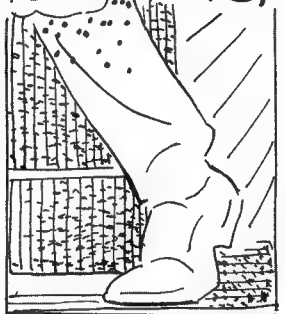
...WORK-  
ING...



...COMING TO...



...CALL  
THE  
POLICE



# OUTLINE

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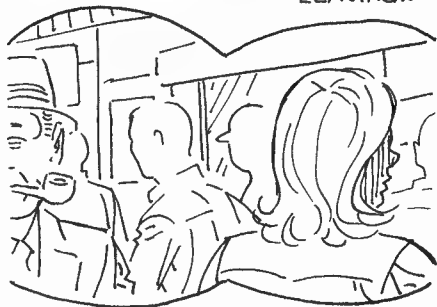


...QUIET...CLEAR MIND...SEE...KNOW....YES...HAVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...



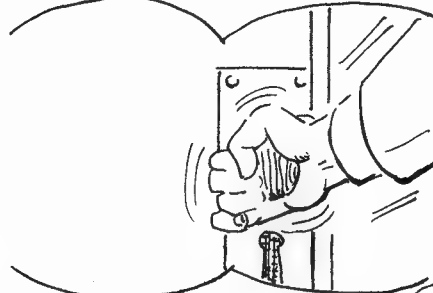
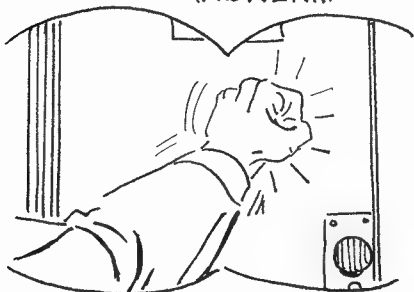
...I WAS WALKING TOWARDS LINDA'S APARTMENT...

...THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED SOMEONE LEAVING...



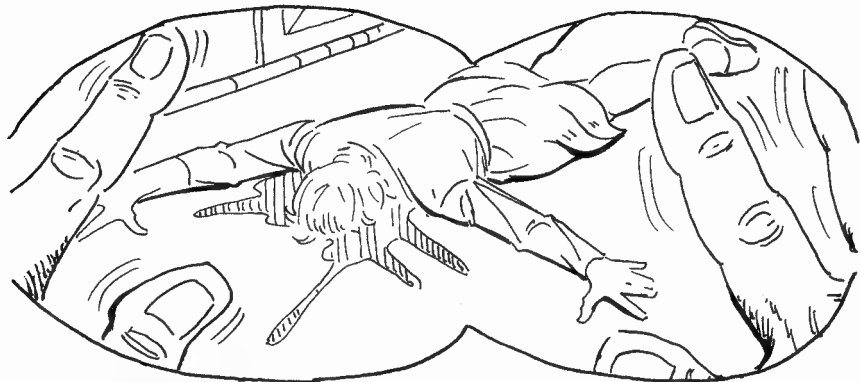
...WE HAD EVENING PLANNED..  
...RANG BELL...ODD...I KNOCKED..  
...NO ANSWER...

...TOO EXCITED ABOUT OUR DATE..  
...TRIED THE DOOR KNOB...

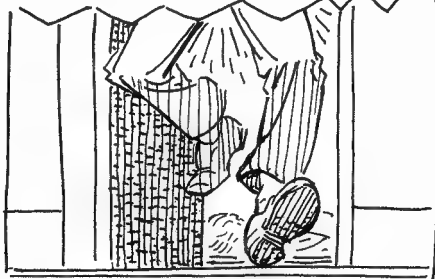


...DID SHE STEP OUT...

...TURNED...



...I... / PANICKED...  
 "COWARD "RAN"  
 BE BLAMED... SOB...



...INNOCENT... YAH..WHO  
 WHO'S KILLED  
 GUILTY? LINDA?..?



...CLEAR MIND... SAW... SAW...  
 YAH...  
 WHAT..





...WHO DID I RECOGNIZE...?  
...RECOGNIZE.



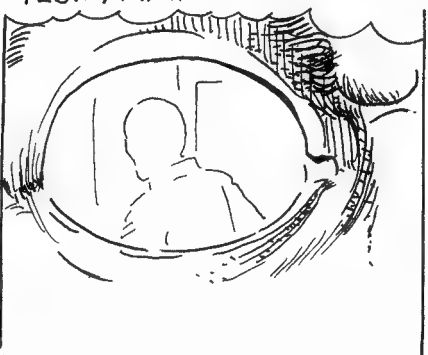
...FOCUS... REMEMBER... SAW...  
...LEAVING...?  
WHO...?



...FOCUS... REMEMBER...



...YES... FAMILIAR... YES...



...C...C... COMING CLEARER... YES!



...DATED HIM COUPLE  
TIMES... DIDN'T LIKE...  
RUDE... CRUDE...



...HE'S ARROGANT...



...HE LIVES... YAH, LIVES  
WHERE A  
FRIEND LIVED...



...GO... ONLY WAY TO  
MAKE... CLEAR ME...  
HIM... Avenge  
CONFESS... LINDA



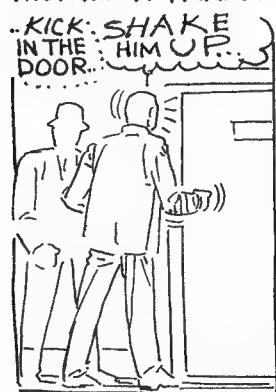
...HAVE... DON'T LOSE  
TO BE... MY HEAD...  
COOL...



...WON'T... YAH, THEY'LL  
ADMIT... LEARN THE  
TURN... TRUTH!  
OVER TO POLICE...



...RISKY... WHATEVER  
IT TAKES...



...KICK... SHAKE  
IN THE... HIM UP...  
DOOR...



HUH...? YOU KILLED LINDA



Y...  
YOU'RE  
CRAZY 5.

KEEP: WE'LL GOTO THE COOL... POLICE...



...LET THE POLICE DECIDE

ME... KILL LINDA... YOU'RE CRAZY!



I SAW YOU LEAVE HER PLACE...



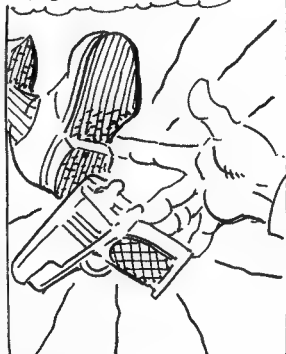
OH, OH... YES! THE CARE- POLICE WILL CLEAR... FUL...



KICK HAND... HUH... OH... \* @



...HOW I KNOW!?



SLUG: YAH!



AGAIN...



...FOR LINDA...



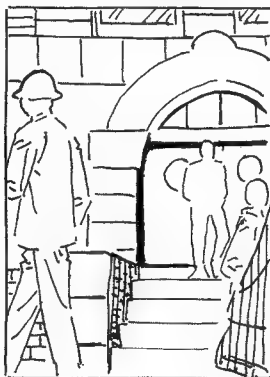
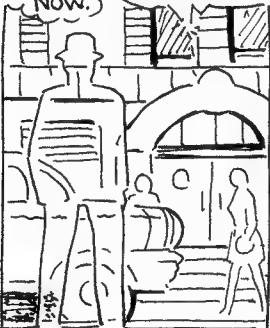
...QUICK LEARNER... ONE MORE...  
DESERVE IT!



I...I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID IT? HEY! YOU CAN'T TAKE ALL THE CREDIT...



...HE'S ON HIS OWN NOW... WE FOUND EVIDENCE...



...WITH LINGERING PAINFUL MEMORIES



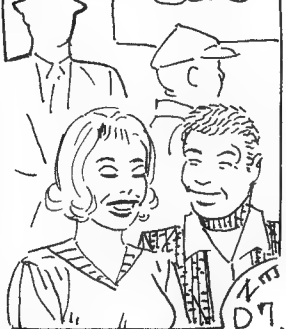
JAKE! HUH? OH, ERIN...

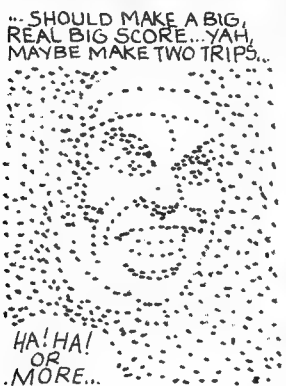
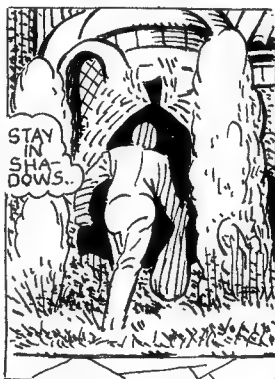


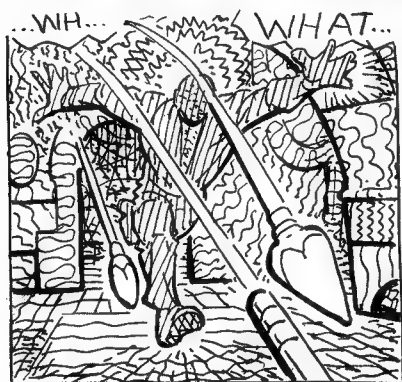
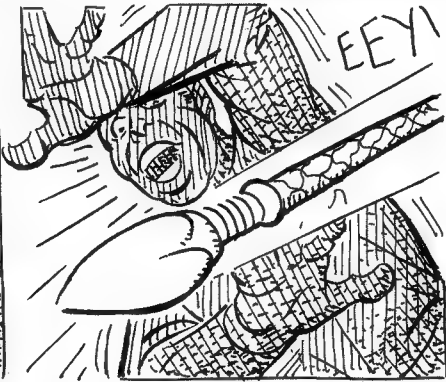
I HEARD ABOUT LINDA. YOU ALRIGHT? YAH! ...OH, YAH!



HE'LL BE ALRIGHT.







...DIDN'T SEE ANYONE...



...A...ARROW...



WHO...!?



...GETTING  
OUT...



WHERE?  
HOW?  
LOST...



...WHICH WAY...

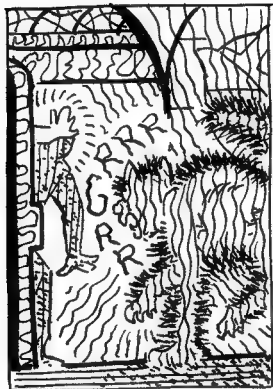


...UP-  
WIN-  
DOW...  
SEE...

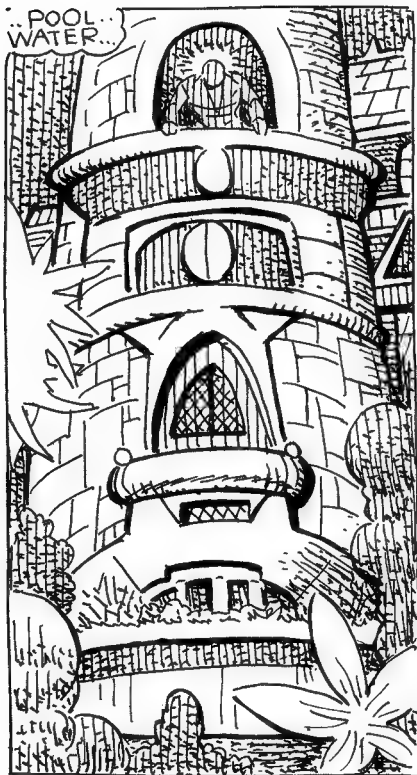








...POOL...  
WATER...

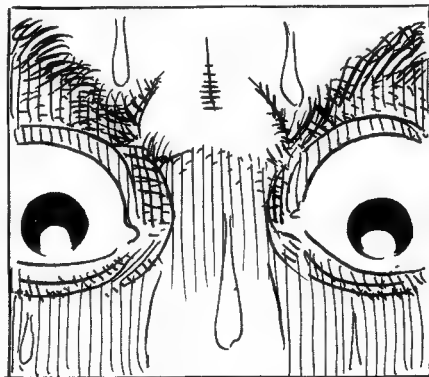
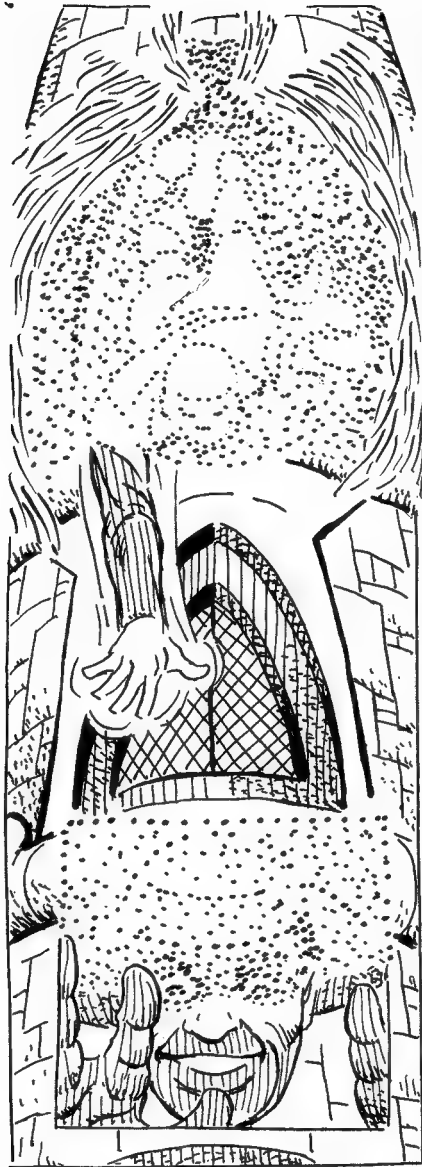


...ONLY?  
CHANCE...



LET GO...





...SCREAM!?!...FROM...ESTATE...!?



...HAVE TO CHECK...



...THERE...



...BRUTE BOOM...  
...BACK...



...LONG  
BRUTAL  
RECORD...



## GOLD STARS

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Mr. A. brotherhood (16)

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